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Where's the use in bothering with this daylight saving plan when the sun is only going to last 15,000,000 years longer?

Hindenburg plans big blow in the west—Headline.
Some think the "big blow" is all there will be to it.

See big jump in price of children's shoes—Headline.
But few fathers will worry if the children in the shoes remain in the mood to jump.

Senator Overman sees 100,000 spies in America. Why did he not put the number at 300,000? Isn't every unutilized German a spy, as well as some naturalized ones?

Ambassador Gerard should know better than to trespass on the "Colonel's" private preserves by saying the reporter from Le Matin who interviewed him was "a deliberate, adroit and monumental liar."

The completion of the five-million-dollar pension fund of the Episcopal Church does credit to that communion. When the other churches do as well, the faithful preachers can look forward to old age without that dread which overwhelms most of them.

The gunner on the French liner Guyane, who sank a German submarine on the way to New York, will get a fortune if he returns, for there is a large bounty paid for such shots. If he is captured he will be put to death for praying for the murderers of the women and children on the Lusitania.

Since March, 1914, six persons have been shot by the policemen as the Kippax boy was shot. Not one of the six was guilty of a felony. The uniformed gunmen used their revolvers contrary to the regulations, yet all but one of them is still on the force. If precedent counts for anything, the officer who killed young Kippax will continue to wear his uniform.

"Hammy" Moore's belligerent pacifism was laughed down in Congress after an immortal piece of unconscious humor most welcome to those who read the dreary pages of the Congressional Record. He was reading an editorial about demagogues in Congress. "But that doesn't affect the gentleman from Pennsylvania," remarked the Speaker. "But—but—but it does speak about demagogues in the House," cried Mr. Moore, and the House came down. Mr. Moore has done very well to curb the extreme Anglophiles in Congress, but he did not know when to stop. He has failed to realize that there is such a thing as talking peace to death.

No thinking man could watch the Sixth Regiment as it paraded Broad street yesterday without feelings of profound respect for the citizen soldiers who have given seven months to the service of their country on the Mexican border. The prime duty of a citizen of a free democracy is to take up arms for its defense when the need arises. Universal suffrage and universal military service logically go hand in hand. Every one approves universal suffrage, but there must be a long campaign of education before universal military service is admitted to be desirable. The most of us are willing that "the other fellow" should do the fighting, that some other mother's son should protect our mothers' sons when the crisis comes. To state the case in this way is to show the selfishness of the popular attitude toward military service. The members of the Sixth Regiment deserve all praise, for they have shown their willingness to do the fighting.

When Kipling wrote that a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke he was not worried about the gustatory effect on the weed of the cigar store automatic cutter, against which Representative Gans has launched a bill. Various cigar dealers in town endorse Mr. Gans' plan. They say the cigar cutter in the stores is insanitary. One of them insists that it injures the flavor of the cigar. The proper way to open the cuff through the roll of leaf is to bite the end off, according to this man. He may be right, for there are mysteries beyond the comprehension of the unlearned. For example, he says a woman knows dressing should always be mixed with a silver fork. Before the Legislature passes any law which would compel men to use their teeth as cigar cutters the members ought to consult expert dentists, who, every one knows, insist that nonstresses who bit off their teeth ruin their teeth and indirectly undermine their health. After all, the factional fight in Harrisburg may continue so fierce that Representative Gans' bill will be lost in the shuffle and the man who carries a gold cigar cutter on his watch chain may be allowed to retain it for use as well as for ornament.

DEATH PENALTY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Relation of Capital Punishment to Number of Murders Said to Be Fortuitous—Will Any Law Be Enforced?

By DR. AUSTIN O'MALLEY

IN THE recent discussion of capital punishment in Pennsylvania, the arguments in favor of the abolition of the death penalty are, as usual, more sentimental than rational. As the law is applied in this State at present, it makes little or no account whatever of the question of the law against murder is death of imprisonment.

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ACCORDING TO LAW

THERE seems to be little doubt that the President will be addressed this week. Intimations have come from officials in the past about important decisions of the Administration before action has been taken in order to prepare the public mind for the event, and the same process seems to have been applied to the present case.

The President's address will be of supreme importance, but it will not decide the question of peace or war. The country does not want to go to war, Mr. Wilson and Congress are the last who would force it into war, and so whatever our state is or will be, it must be called something else by this "nation of lawyers" until war is a fact or no longer a possibility.

"The Congress shall have power to declare war," says the Constitution, but what this has amounted to in the past has been that Congress has merely gone through the formality of declaration when the facts required it. There is no need of an extra session so far as declarations of states of war are concerned, because Congress will in any case act after the event. Mr. Wilson will ask it is understood, for the right to arm merchantmen and use the navy in any way he deems necessary for the security of the nation, of course, he will not ask for the right to "declare war." These are not half-splitting. The Constitution requires of the President that "he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed," and "the laws" are our laws regulating international relations as well as domestic affairs. We move from unaccomplished fact to accomplished fact in legal fashion. That is why we did not seize the German ships, to the astonishment of Germany. It is this legal habit of mind that produced the greatest mistake of the war. After having torn up most of the treaties in the world and wrecked the mechanism of its merchantmen in our ports, Berlin suddenly realized that we believed in law and thereupon feverishly rummaged among the archives to find the benevolent treaty of 1799 and hold it under our noses. As if we, who keep the law of 1789, would break the law of 1799!

The extreme pacifists in Congress seem to have shot their bolt. Their opponents, the armed-ships party, will probably make or confirm as law the principle that the President shall have power to protect our commerce. It will then be up to the Germans to respect our law or take the consequences.

A SALOONLESS PARKWAY OF COURSE, there should be no saloons on the Parkway any more than there should be in the Park. To bring the city's greatest playground directly to the door of City Hall through a wide avenue that has now down factory and dwelling with a scythe—and then to imagine a saloon on the Parkway, however, must be allowed to sell liquor in its dining rooms without having a bar opening on the Parkway. Saloon men and prohibitionists would object to this as inconsistent, because they both insist on preventing the liquor question from the standpoint of morals alone. The saloon men say it is immoral to stop the sale of liquor anywhere and the prohibitionists that it is immoral to allow it to be sold anywhere. They both hate hotel dining-room sales in equal measure.

The Parkway was conceived in the desire for beauty, however, and not in the desire for better morals, save as beauty conserves morals. "Wets" and "drys," if they have to settle the Parkway dispute in a peace without victory, should compromise on a beautiful Parkway if not a "bone dry" one.

"CRIME" OF SHORT SELLING PLANS for legislation to prohibit short selling are said to be under consideration by the House law investigating committee. Such plans are always proposed whenever amateur economists are confronted with the conditions that prevail in the stock exchanges. These persons regard short selling as a crime and they think that none but a dealer in shares is guilty of it.

As a matter of fact short selling is merely selling what you do not have for future delivery at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If the seller can buy at less than the agreed-on price he makes money. If the price goes up he loses money.

The man who takes a contract to build a steel-framed warehouse sells structural steel short. If the price goes down before he has to use the steel his profit is increased. If it goes up his profit is diminished by so much. The man who takes a contract to supply the army with 100,000 pairs of shoes or 100,000 uniforms sells leather and cloth short. The man who contracts to supply the navy with 20,000 bushels of potatoes sells what he does not have to be delivered at some future time. He sells short as really as the man who sells 1000 shares of Bethlehem Steel when he does not own it.

Our whole commercial life is dependent on short selling. Without it there would be stagnation. Previous congressional committees have made this discovery after they have studied the subject awhile and then have passed a law to forbid short selling.

LISTEN! A man in Cleveland has written to the New York Sun. "From observing a man forced to the conclusion that the word most in use (spoken) in the English language daily in this part of the country is 'Listen.' The worthy gentleman has written the same thing in Detroit, St. Paul, and probably from any point in the country, probably he is using a national dialect."

OUR NEED OF "DEAD" TONGUES To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Allow me this opportunity to strengthen the arguments as advanced by

ROUGH SLEDDIN'



and Greek from the high-school curriculum. All will admit that there is no finer or more expressive language than Latin. Every language possesses some trait of that one which Cicero, Antonius, Pompey, Sulla, Cato, and Lucius were employed. Where in any tongue can there be found any better poetry than that of Vergil? In what nation has there been produced men of Cicero's caliber?

We have French, Italian and Spanish, which were taken almost directly from Latin. Take our own English. A study of Latin makes our knowledge of English more profound. In connection with the study of Latin, take our own English. A study of Latin makes our knowledge of English more profound.

RUTHLESSNESS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Will you kindly say why it is that the newspapers invariably use the word "ruthless" in connection with Germany's new submarine campaign?

CUBA Ten thousand rifles now are lent. To aid great Menocal's ambition; And Uncle Sam, with them, has sent Five million rounds of ammunition.

ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS Rubaiyat of a Commuter LXXXV He said my Picture would be Just Immense, And for it I would be at No Expense. I wasn't. But he made me buy a Frame Which cost, eleven Dollars fifty cents.

REFRENDUM ON SPIRITISM To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The recent debate upon Spiritism between Professor Hyslop and Doctor Leuba, of which the question of the lower animal making their continued existence after death known to us was discussed, has doubtless appealed to the interest, not to say curiosity, of many readers. But why not avail ourselves of the science we really seem to have and take a vote on the question? A satisfactory decision might be reached, because the percentage of ayes and noes can be calculated with mathematical precision and conclusions so reached seem to be the voice. The only weak link noted in recent applications of this method is that the persons selected to vote may not, as a class, have any more real information on the subject than the contestants themselves.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE PICKETERS LIKE PUBLICITY—Washington on Profanity—Is Mrs. Martha Avery a Socialist? RUTHLESSNESS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Will you kindly say why it is that the newspapers invariably use the word "ruthless" in connection with Germany's new submarine campaign?

WOMEN'S PREPAREDNESS Mrs. W. W. W.—The Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness has a branch, Department No. 5, in which women who own motorcars have enrolled, pledging their cars for use in messenger and other service in case of war. The headquarters is at 221 South Eighteenth street.

THE PRESIDENCY O. S.—Nothing in the Constitution restricts a President of the United States who has served two terms from becoming a candidate for election to a third term. No President as yet has served more than two terms, and it is a precedent established by Washington and Jefferson, who, after serving two terms each, refused to allow their supporters to nominate them for a third term. Washington was third of public office. Jefferson's reason was that he did not believe that such a practice would be beneficial to a democracy. At that time the Republic was young, having but a short time previously thrown off the English monarchical government, and the anti-monarchical sentiment was very strong.

CANNON-BALL VELOCITY U. S. S. MINNESOTA—Dr. Arthur Willis Goodspeed, professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania, says that if a shell with a velocity of sixty miles an hour were fired in a forward direction from the front of a train traveling with a velocity of sixty miles an hour, the velocity of the shell over the ground would be 120 miles an hour. This is obtained by adding the velocity of the shell with respect to the train (sixty miles an hour) to the velocity of the train. The reverse of this—firing the shell in a backward direction from the rear of the train—is that the velocity of the shell with respect to the train would be the same (sixty miles an hour), and with respect to the ground, zero; i. e., the shell would drop to the ground. This is obtained by subtracting the velocity of the train from the velocity of the shell with respect to the train, the one neutralizing the other.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE TABBY and Sport raced from a tree to a stake and back to the tree, a distance of seventy-five yards. Sport sprang five feet at one bound and the cat only three, but then Tabby made five springs to Sport's three, so what should be the result of the race?

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE DAVID, Tarzoo, Solomon, Paul.

Tom Daly's Column

BALLAD IN WHITE (To Noel) The year foams up from gray to green, The year slinks down from green to gray, With wrath and laughter mixed between The cavern frost and petted May, And love is born with pice and play, And love with time and tears is slain. From this is there no holiday— Your pale, immaculate disdain!

Harpers have sung their amorous spleen In verses fruitful as the spray, And yet soft girlhood as their queen Has trembled at their songs' array, Alone and laureled with dismay, My heart is ice, my song is rain, Because no lyric shall ally Your pale, immaculate disdain.

The taper that I bear has been, Shall be, and yet life answers: "No, Think not your shining may be seen; Blind beauty has no word to say Within some pearl-hung, hidden bay Your soul reclines, devoid of stain. For the love of love, ah, turn away Your pale, immaculate disdain!

Unshaken star, I dare not pray Your white, least favor to obtain • • • The blade of time can never slay Your pale, immaculate disdain. FLORA.

HERE WAS BORN May 28, 1871 (Our Name Spelled out in Full) GREATEST POET OF HIS AGE and weight. Hearth Fire With the sunlight on your tresses, With the starlight in your eyes, With the moonlight on your forehead—How I loved you, sweet and true!

YET I love you more than ever In the armchair's deep embrace, With the lamplight round our shadow And the freighth on your face. ARTHUR GUERMAN.

HUGH MERRI desires to call the attention of Secretaries Baker and Daniels this sign displayed on New York avenue, Atlantic City. TRY OUR LARKSPUR LOTION KILLS HUMAN VERMIN THE BILLBOARDS They ambuscaded the travelers near and far On meadows desolate or urban walls The gaze they rivet from the swirling car And force attention to their flaming call; The table saucy that's served in marble halls Is hushly made known, the while the best cigar The Nonesuch can be had at all the stalls— The posters scream it from the fields they mar.

THE CARD of Joseph Glaser, 514 Wood street (and the name is interesting for its own sake), announces "painting of all kinds, broken glass put in."

LITERARY TEST (Received by an automobile concern.) Please pass a teaching, say we have a motor cycle from Oscar Peterson least suited and boy he has left and went out West and have no more to send for repairs and we got here when I would like to have you to send me a catalog of the Minneapolis all parts. You now we got to leave them if your motor is going to get the credit. Say you know that Carbureter where it pulls in car that big Packing and that grease and Nut got lost and treads spoiled so I got it a no woon. Please do your best. My wrighting is pp. VICTOR SUNDWALL, R 1 Box 60 Red Wing, Minn.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE has written a bit of verse that's had enough to be quoted in the poets' corner of the Congressional Record. It is that current one about the freedom of the seas, wherein says he:

"You dare to say with perjured lips 'We fight to make the ocean free'—you whose black trail of butchered ships bestrewns the bed of every sea where hero man submarines have wrought their horrors! Have you never thought what you call freedom men call piracy?"

There's another fine pair of lines, propose in it that we mustn't pass over—"A dark memorial of the dead women, and children whom you left to drown."

When we saw Doctor Van Dyke's name signed to those lines we chortled with glee, for we have nursed a grocer against him for ten years. In Scribner's Magazine for April, 1907 (the centenary year of Longfellow), the Doc put forth a lengthy, unrhymed catalogue of the achievements of that gentle poet who "shepherded his flock with music" and concluded with the sop to the highbrows: